

AAUW EVENTS CALENDAR – 2019

Friday, Mar.29: 12:00pm at Sisters Thai Café (614 E. State) – Let's Do Lunch

Tuesday, Apr.2: Equal Pay Day

Friday, Apr.5: 10:30am at Katie's Cup – Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

Tuesday, Apr.16: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Tuesday, Apr.16: 6:30pm at Burpee Center (Rockford University) – How Global RU?

Wednesday, Apr.17: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Friday, Apr.26: 12:00pm at Hoffman House – Let's Do Lunch

Friday, May 3: 10:30am at Katie's Cup – Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

Friday & Saturday, May 3-4 – AAUW-IL State Convention – Springfield

Wednesday, May 15: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Saturday, May 18 11:00am at Forest Hills Country Club – Annual Meeting and Luncheon, STEM Scholarship Awards

Tuesday, May 21: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Friday, May 31: 12:00pm at Alchemy – Let's Do Lunch

Friday, June 7: 10:30am at Katie's Cup – Round Table Discussion Group — Led by Dr. Christina Kamer

Tuesday, June 18: 12:45pm – Book Beat

Wednesday, June 19: 6:30pm at Wesley Willows Town Center – AAUW Rockford Branch Board Meeting

Friday, June 28: 12:00pm at The Olympic – Let's Do Lunch

Tuesday, July 16 at the University Club – Tip the Bartender 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SAVE THE DATES

April 2, 11 - 1 at RU for the UNequal Pay Day Bake Sale (at which females will get to pay 77 cents on the dollar).

April 16 at RU for an interesting study of current immigration issues as they pertain to college students. It's called **How Global RU?** Sounds fascinating!

May 3 & 4 in Springfield for the annual State Convention. AAUW National CEO Kim Churches will be the keynote on Friday evening.

May 18 at Forest Hill CC for the annual meeting and presentation of 2019 scholarship winners.

July 16 at University Club of Rockford for the 2019 Tip the Bartender which benefits the Scholarship Fund.

October 5 at Katie's Cup for AAUW's **Work Smart** workshop, which will benefit all women of Rockford by helping them learn to better negotiate their salaries.

The 90th Team is planning a **Branch Birthday Bash (date-TBA)** which will be recognition of Branch history and a celebration complete with food, laughter and cupcakes. Who would like to help plan the party? Please let us know.

There are still spaces available for the **Women's History Tour** on Oct. 20 - 26. Twenty-one people have reserved so far. The form is included in this issue and is on our web site.

Thank you to all the Branch teams who are working on these events. Please let us know of your interests and join in whenever you can. Please bring potential new members to all our events. We have maintained our membership numbers in recent years by **bringing interesting and interested women** as guests.

Judy Schultz and Barbara Simon, Co-Presidents

Our Upcoming Events

HOW GLOBAL RU?

~ A HUMAN LIBRARY EXPERIENCE ~

Rockford University Burpee Center
April 16, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Presented by RU Global Studies Program

The **Human Library** concept is one of a library that lends *people* rather than books. The “Books” are international students, refugees, and immigrants living in the area. They can be “borrowed” by “Readers” who can ask any question they like, both to learn about the other person and also challenge their own understanding.



Guests are welcome at all events. Let's invite interesting and active women to our events!

You're invited!

Please plan to meet the
2019 AAUW STEM Scholars

at our annual meeting and luncheon
on Saturday, May 18 11:00am
at Forest Hills Country Club

Join our October 2019 Women's History Tour



Seneca Falls & Women's History Tour

Sponsored by AAUW Rockford Area Branch

Scheduled Departure
October 20-26, 2019



Purpose: 2019 marks the 99th anniversary of the ratification of women's suffrage amendment which came about only as the result of tireless effort over many decades. It is our hope that this tour will inspire us in the 21st century to move the mantle forward as we seek a nation and world that embraces the unbounded abilities, ideas, and leadership that women have to offer.

Overview: To prepare for 2020's year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women winning the vote, consider joining us on this inspiring 7-day tour of many notable sites associated with the history of American women. The tour includes: Susan B. Anthony's home, Seneca Falls sites including Wesleyan Chapel and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, Harriet Tubman site, Val-Kill (Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage), Emily Dickinson's home, Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, and the Abigail Adams site. The tour will also feature FDR's home- Springwood, the Vanderbilt Mansion at Hyde Park, Concord historical sites, JFK Presidential Library, a winery in the Finger Lakes region, and a city tour of Boston.

GVG TOURS

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- The tour is open to 48 northern Illinois region AAUW members and spouses or friends.
- Tour will be handicapped accessible.
- Deposit to reserve your place is \$500.00 per person due at registration. The balance will be due by July 20, 2019.
- If you choose to purchase trip insurance, that amount must be paid with your deposit.

Brief Tour Itinerary

Day 1- Fly to Buffalo, Susan B. Anthony's home, Hotel: Rochester, NY

Day 2- Seneca Falls, Hunt and McClintock homes, winery, Hotel: Auburn, NY

Day 3- Tubman site, Val-Kill, Springwood, Hotel: Hyde Park, NY

Day 4- Vanderbilt Mansion, Emily Dickinson home, Concord, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 5- Louisa May Alcott Orchard House, JFK Presidential Library, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 6- Abigail Adams site, Boston city tour or walk The Freedom Trail, Hotel: Boston, MA

Day 7- Free morning in Boston, Fly home



Tour Price: \$1,975
Single Supplement: \$470

Your Tour Includes:

- Bus Transportation to and from Midway Airport in Chicago
- Round-trip Airfare
- Accommodations
- Luggage Handling
- All Admissions
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- 12 Meals (daily breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners)

The Following is NOT Included:

- Personal Items
- Optional Insurance For Health, Baggage & Cancellation (available & recommended)

Deposit:

\$500

Travel Insurance:

Covers cancellation, medical and travel related issues. (must be purchased at time of deposit)
Double: \$160 per person
Single: \$135 per person

Registration Form- Seneca Falls & Women's History Tour

Name as it appears on your driver's license (TSA requirement)

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ (TSA requirement)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

If you are a member of an AAUW chapter, please write in the location _____

Travel Protection (cancellation, medical, travel issues)

☐ I want to purchase the insurance

☐ I decline the insurance

Credit Card Info

Number _____ Expiration _____ Sec. Code _____

Return this form and deposit to: GVG Tours, PO Box 429, Clinton, WI 53525

Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, you will receive a confirmation email with a receipt and trip preparation information. This email will come from gvgtours@gmail.com which is serving as the tour agent.

2019 marks the 99th Anniversary of the ratification of the Women's Suffrage Amendment. We thought that it would be fun for our branch to honor this anniversary and our Branch's 90th year by coordinating this tour.

Download the brochure [here](#) on our website.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Send \$500 deposit per person (plus amount for travel insurance if chosen) with this form. Balance due by July 20, 2019. Indicate "single" or "double" in memo line.

PUBLIC POLICY – FAYE MARCUS

Judy Schultz and Faye Marcus presented a resolution to Mayor McNamara in Support of the **Family Justice Center**. This was done at a City Council meeting on February 11. Faye and Judy were subsequently interviewed on Channel 17. You can read the resolution [here](#) on our website.

Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara, Faye Marcus, Judy Schultz, and Karen Hoffman.







April 2 is **Equal Pay Day**. Our branch is collaborating with Rockford University for an UNEqual Pay Bake Sale. Faculty and students, as well as AAUW members, are being asked to bake. Men will be charged the full price of each item while women will be charged 80%. This is representative of the fact that women are paid between 77-80% of what men receive for doing comparable work in during a work year. We will also provide information on Equal Pay and other AAUW public policy priorities at the sale.

March is **Women's History Month**. In partnership with the Rockford Public Library, Artist Ensemble is presenting the play "Silent Sky." This is a play about women scientists who worked in the Astronomy Lab at Harvard University in the early 20th century (1900-1920), and our member Dr. Deepshikha Shukla will serve as a member of the discussion panel.

Women's March Rockford is presenting "Building Bridges." Women's organizations are invited to bring information. This will be held at the Rockford Art Museum on May 2 from 4-7p.m. The program is free, and organizations will have tables to present their information. We expect it to be a good public relations opportunity, and we will need several branch members to be at our table. More information will be coming.

[AAUW ROCKFORD BRANCH ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

 <p>Round Table Discussion Group 10:30am, Friday, Apr.5 & May 3 at Katie's Cup</p>	<p>Noon on Friday, Mar.29 at Sister's Thai Café & Apr. 26 at Hoffman House</p> 
<p>Book Beat – Tuesday, Apr.16 & May 21 at 12:45pm</p> 	 <p>Branch Board Meeting, 6:30pm Wednesday, Apr.17 & May 15 at Wesley Willows Town Hall</p>

BOOK BEAT READING LIST 2019

Book Beat meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:45pm. Please call the hostess if you would like to attend.

April 16 *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee

Reviewer: Faye Marcus

Hostess: Faye Marcus & Pat Gomez

June 18 *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Reviewer: Kathy Dierstein

Hostess: Karen Shifo

May 21 *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

Reviewer: Karen Shifo

Hostess: Diane Kuehl



Increase your advocacy level!

Attend the AAUW ILLINOIS CONVENTION in Springfield, Illinois May 3-4, 2019

Registration Information available on AAUW ILLINOIS WEBSITE at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/state-convention/>

Registration dates

Early Bird: Submitted or postmarked by April 12, 2019

General Deadline: Submitted or postmarked by April 25, 2019

2019 Costs

Early bird registration = \$55

Registration after April 12 = \$60

Friday dinner = \$45

REGISTER STAR ARTICLES ON AAUW HISTORY

As part of our branch's year-long 90th anniversary celebration, we will have an article published monthly in the Register Star. You can read the article in the paper or online at our website's [PRESS page](#):

March, 2019: [My View: AAUW Rockford – the war years and beyond](#)

February, 2019: [My View: AAUW Rockford – the first 10 years](#)

January, 2019: [Another View: The AAUW has empowered women since 1881](#)

If you'd like to help with this newsletter, please contact Kathe Heyer to volunteer.

Treasurer's Report —Katy Paterson

March 20, 2019

Operating Fund

Beginning Balance \$4,125.19

Receipts

Schnucks Scrip Rebate 22.10

Disbursements

Women's History Ad 85.00

Ending Balance @ March 20, 2019 **\$4,062.29**

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance

CD 9,000.00

Checking 1,094.12

Total **\$10,094.12**

Receipts

Book Beat donation 14.00

Ending balance **\$10,108.12**
@ March 20, 2019

We have 71 members as of March 20.

HAVE YOU SEEN / DID YOU KNOW?

- Branch press releases and related media links are published [here](#) on our website's "PRESS" page
- You can download our entire year's calendar in printable format [here](#).
- See [Comcast's interview](#) of Faye Marcus.
- AAUW members receive a discount at Office Depot and OfficeMax stores.
- [Branch bylaws](#) are also posted on our website.
- If you smiled for a Branch event photo, you might be featured on our site. Check the "PHOTOS" menu option!

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are shown on our [online calendar](#) and are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Board Room at Wesley Willows Town Center, 4142 Johns Farm Rd., Rockford. Meetings start at 6:30pm and usually end by 8:30pm.

Members are always welcome to attend.

WHEN DID YOU LAST CHECK THE BRANCH WEBSITE?

- We publish new content from AAUW National on our local website. You can read the latest articles on our site under the "**NATIONAL**" menu option.
- There is a calendar for branch events available under the "**LOCAL BRANCH**" menu option.

IN PRINT

Cover and article on Women's History Tour in the [Rock River Times](#)

RR Star article: [My View: Nudge a Young Person toward STEM? Nudge them toward Physics first](#)



HOW CAN 10 = 100?

Like to shop? ✓ Shop online? ✓ Want to help increase branch finances? ✓

Register and shop using the eScrip Online Mall, linked on our website home page.

CONNECTING WITH ROCKFORD UNIVERSITY

HOW GLOBAL RU?

Join us at Rockford University on April 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 to learn about the experiences of international students, refugees, and immigrants living in the Rockford area. The program is designed as a Human Library with five stations you'll visit to hear about the challenges of crossing international boundaries and cultural borders. The program will be held on the first floor of Burpee Center.

UNEQUAL PAY BAKE SALE



Did you know that women are only paid 70-80% of what men are paid for the same work? Join us for the unequal pay bake sale to learn more about Equal Pay Day and learn why equal pay is so important.

APRIL 2, 2019 11AM TO 1PM
OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA

UNEQUAL PAY BAKE SALE

The Jane Addams Center, QTIP and American Association of University Women (AAUW) invite you to join us and enjoy baked goods.

Males: Full price **Females:** Discounted rate